(d) Verification of character and antecedents of all recruits is conducted before and after their recruitment. This ensures prevention of recruitment of foreigners in the Army.

(e) Does not arise.

Funds allocated under PMGSY to Himachal Pradesh

*40. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and approved for Himachal Pradesh by the Central Government under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the financial year 2002-2003 together with the names of the roads and the amount sanctioned for each road;

(b) whether the construction of already sanctioned roads has since been started, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh have been advised to prepare project proposals to the tune of Rs. 250 crore strictly keeping in view the Programme Guidelines. No proposals have so far been cleared for Himachal Pradesh during the year 2002-03.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Sharing of revenue received from minings with States

†139. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to share the revenue received from minings with the States; and

(b) if so, by when, the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI) (a) No revenue is received by the Central Government on account of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

mining in States Royalty for any mineral extracted or removed by the lessee in the leased area is collected and retained by the concerned State Governments.

(b) In view of "a" above, does not arise.

VRS in BALCO

140. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "VRS Abhi Lo Aur Bhugtan 10 Sall Main" appeared at page 11 of Rashtriya Sahara dated 4th August, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to protect the interest of the employees of BALCO?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Factual information is being verified.

Families displaced due to acquisition of land by MCL

141. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate on the number of families displaced due to the acquisition land by Mahanadi Coalfield Limited in various coal bearing areas in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have provided proper rehabilitation and compensation to those displaced persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) It has been estimated that 2737 families will be required to be displaced and resettled due to various coal mining projects of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Orissa, upto the end of 10th Plan period (2006-07).